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ABSTRACT

A tabular presentation of cost-cutting measures, this report by the school board chairman provides introductory data on York County Public Schools, Virginia, followed by the district's 1982-83 allocations and anticipated 5-year savings on a range of policies. Cost-saving personnel policies include employing part-time secondary teachers, combining elementary classes, eliminating some aide positions and hiring Chapter 1 aides to help with mathematics instruction, and revising sick leave usage. Money has been saved on summer school operations by reducing school hours and transportation services, cutting principals' contracts to 11 months, and charging tuition. A restructured transportation project and economical maintenance practices are outlined. Lunch program cost cutting is based on centralized purchasing and on the staff reductions and utility savings resulting from the adoption of disposable utensils. An energy reduction program has saved money, and a master school activity account generates interest. The advice of an insurance committee has enabled the district to save on premium payments. (WJG)

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STRATEGIES ON MANAGING BUDGET REDUCTIONS

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[redacted] COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
[redacted], Virginia

Setting:	Suburban
County Size:	109 sq. miles (85 sq. miles federal property)
County Population:	27,487
Student Population:	6,713

8 students who live on federal property = 2016 (29%)

8 students whose parents work on federal property = 4569 (62%)
(unreliable 2016 student count source)

School	#	Grades	Students
High School	1	9-12	2759
Intermediate	1	7-8	1567
Elementary	8	K-6	4569
	10		8713

4 Graduates continuing education = 69%

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COST REDUCING PRACTICES - MAINTENANCE

	Description (performed by maintenance staff)	Savings	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	% Saved
1.	retubing of boilers, annual savings (procedure learned by careful observation of commercial firm employees)	$ 8,000	$16,000	$8,000	50%
2.	installation of water supply line to Macauley Elementary	7,000	14,000	7,000	50%
3.	boiler burner replacements resulting in more efficient fuel consumption	18,750	125,000	106,250	15%
4.	construction and installation of concession stands, locker rooms, restrooms, sewer system - Bailey Field -(brick work done by masonry class)	4,000	8,000	4,000	50%
5.	renovation of outdoor bleachers and conversion of wooden bleachers to aluminum	8,000	16,000	8,000	50%
6.	completion of handicap, OSHA, and state renovations including planning and designing ramps, sloped curbing; marking parking places; fabricating restroom dividers, etc.	25,000	31,250	6,250	80%
7.	no increase in expenditures over the past 4 years although annual inflation in this area has approximated 7% - custodial supplies; accomplished by stringent bidding procedures and use of supplies on a trial basis (annual savings noted)	3,360	51,360	48,000	6.5%
8.	all audio-visual, television and two-way radio repairs made by maintenance employees without the addition of work positions - minimum annual figure	2,000	5,000	3,000	40%
9.	renovation and alteration of Pupil Personnel Center (prior to this period, two to three years)	20,000	50,000	30,000	40%
10.	drilling of two wells at Bailey Field - considerable savings on water and sewer bills	700	1,000	300	70%

[illegible] Labor Program Savings

Description	Savings	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	% Savings	Over-Savings
1. personnel reorganization and reduction from 1980-81 to 1981-82 reduction in labor hours due to elimination reduction	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]	[illegible]	$ [illegible]
2. energy, chemical, water, sewer savings The use of disposables instead of trays, plates, and silverware generates a saving because of: dishwasher maintenance, elimination the purchase of detergents and chemicals, eliminates need for excessive amount of hot water resulting in savings in energy, water, and sewer.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3. computerization of commodities and centrally purchased foods The computerization of all inventory items, purchased food, commodity food, and supplies has resulted in more efficient utilization of commodities, more efficient purchasing, less waste through spoiled products, and less money tied up in inventory.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Insurance Commissions See attached	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Energy Reduction Program See attached	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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